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## Broiler Hatchery



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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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### Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 6, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.0 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 33.7 million eggs during the week ending February 6, 2021, unchanged from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 34.7 million eggs during the same week, down 2 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 6, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through February 6, 2021 for the United States were 939 million. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 24.7 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 6, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 24.9 million chicks, down 5 percent from a year ago.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	January 2, 2021	January 9, 2021	January 16, 2021	January 23, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 6, 2021	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama .....	33,380	33,144	33,559	33,306	33,396	33,721	100
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	104
Georgia .....	34,448	34,414	32,870	33,083	33,711	34,662	98
South Carolina....	5,675	5,618	5,914	5,878	5,872	5,899	100
United States .....	236,793	234,305	236,014	235,328	235,352	236,753	99

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), February 10, 2021

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2021

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
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	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(percent)
Alabama .....	24,414	23,720	24,340	24,910	24,239	24,707	98
Florida .....	1,182	1,297	1,309	1,321	1,367	1,382	111
Georgia .....	26,993	26,809	26,418	25,869	26,050	24,942	95
South Carolina....	4,993	5,403	4,938	4,996	5,474	5,272	112
United States .....	188,571	189,222	188,322	187,947	185,989	187,084	98

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Alabama .....	33,380	33,144	33,559	33,306	33,396	33,721
Arkansas .....	24,269	24,319	23,819	24,405	24,246	24,475
Delaware .....	4,669	4,669	5,668	5,042	4,948	4,669
Florida .....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
Georgia .....	34,448	34,414	32,870	33,083	33,711	34,662
Kentucky .....	7,589	7,534	8,025	8,003	7,685	8,158
Louisiana .....	3,532	2,987	3,516	3,562	3,516	3,562
Maryland .....	7,639	7,637	7,640	7,635	7,380	7,714
Mississippi .....	17,885	17,222	16,789	17,223	17,804	18,111
Missouri .....	9,227	9,165	9,149	9,244	9,244	9,210
North Carolina .....	24,057	23,937	24,361	24,763	24,055	23,943
Oklahoma .....	7,068	7,058	7,183	7,072	6,944	7,319
Pennsylvania .....	6,293	6,318	6,319	6,319	6,315	6,295
South Carolina .....	5,675	5,618	5,914	5,878	5,872	5,899
Texas .....	18,280	17,728	18,224	17,505	18,213	17,517
Virginia .....	6,522	6,432	6,505	6,462	6,313	6,300
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	13,231	13,068	13,039	13,227	13,457	13,245
Other States .....	11,820	11,846	12,225	11,390	11,044	10,744
United States .....	236,793	234,305	236,014	235,328	235,352	236,753
Percent of previous year .....	100	99	99	99	98	99

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## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2021

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	January 2, 2021	January 9, 2021	January 16, 2021	January 23, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 6, 2021
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Alabama .....	24,414	23,720	24,340	24,910	24,239	24,707
Arkansas .....	20,607	20,689	22,087	21,845	22,283	22,146
Delaware .....	5,160	4,393	4,786	4,397	4,306	4,287
Florida .....	1,182	1,297	1,309	1,321	1,367	1,382
Georgia .....	26,993	26,809	26,418	25,869	26,050	24,942
Kentucky .....	6,369	5,710	6,345	5,740	6,586	5,497
Louisiana .....	2,961	3,125	3,002	3,015	2,575	2,979
Maryland .....	4,704	5,789	4,614	4,880	5,542	5,890
Mississippi .....	15,203	15,149	15,140	15,096	14,464	14,094
Missouri .....	5,921	6,542	6,763	6,480	5,925	5,350
North Carolina .....	19,765	19,717	19,311	19,699	19,140	19,806
Oklahoma .....	4,880	4,273	3,206	3,744	3,587	3,873
Pennsylvania .....	4,771	4,785	4,760	4,750	4,771	4,771
South Carolina .....	4,993	5,403	4,938	4,996	5,474	5,272
Texas .....	14,687	14,896	14,680	14,572	14,321	14,669
Virginia .....	5,757	5,489	6,118	6,523	5,731	6,184
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	10,620	11,815	11,522	11,323	10,681	11,638
Other States .....	9,584	9,621	8,983	8,787	8,947	9,597
United States .....	188,571	189,222	188,322	187,947	185,989	187,084
Percent of previous year .....	99	100	99	98	98	98

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